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For: METHODS TO ENHANCE PULP BLEACHING AND DELIGNIFICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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[X] Applicants herein have added 3 new independent claims. Applicants have previously paid for a total of 6 independent claims to be examined. These three new independent Claims make a total of nine independent claims in this case so an additional fee is due for Examination of these three new Independent Claims. Applicants calculate the additional fee as follows:
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 16, 2002, Applicants request that the Examiner enter these Amendments and consider these Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1, 3 and 5.

Please add new Claims 7, 8 and 9.

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7. In a method for making Chemical pulp comprising the steps of digesting wood chips in the digester to create unbleached pulp and then bleaching the pulp; the improvement comprising treating the pulp with from about 0.002 weight % to about 0.02 weight % of an organic sulfide chelating agent, wherein the unbleached pulp is treated after digestion of the wood chips and washing of the unbleached pulp and before the unbleached pulp has been bleached, wherein said organic sulfide chelating agent is selected from the group consisting of polymeric dithiocarbamate chelating agents and salts thereof and mixtures thereof and wherein no treatment with organic sulfide chelating agent takes place during digestion of the wood chips and washing of the unbleached pulp. *bleaching said unbleached pulp*
8. In a method for making Chemical pulp comprising the steps of digesting wood chips in the digester to create unbleached pulp and then bleaching the pulp; the improvement comprising treating the pulp with from about 0.002 weight % to about

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